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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GRANT FOR ASRC BUILDING

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1. WILL HAVE TO SEEK DETAILS FROM UNIVERSITY ENGINEER, WHO MAY NOT PRODUCE SPECS TO USUAL USG STANDARDS. ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT OF COST FIGURE, HOWEVER, AS ANOTHER WING ADDED RECENTLY TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AND ENGINEER'S CALCULATIONS BASED ON THAT EXPERIENCE.

2. PROJECT INVOLVES SIMPLY EXTENSION OF TWO-STORY WING OF LIBRARY BUILDING, WITH PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WORK A CONTINUATION OF PRESENT INSTALLATIONS. BUILDING, FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS ARE NOT RPT NOT ELABORATE; IT IS A VERY PLAIN, UTILITARIAN STRUCTURE. SUGGEST REASSURANCES ON THIS POOINT BE SOUGHT FROM MULDER, SCHENDLER AND WAGNER.

3. UNIVERSITY INTENDS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSTRUCTION COST IF NEEDED, AND DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OVERRUN COST PROBLEMS COMING BACK TO US. CENTRE ALSO HAS SMALL BUILDING RESERVE FUND IF NEED ARISES.

4. WE PROPOSE USG GRANT TO ASRC FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, AND LET ASRC WORK OUT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITY. WE WILL ASK CENTRE FOR FINAL GRANT REPORT. INVIVEW PARA 1 REFTTEL, MAY WE ADVISE INDIANS THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING? WHAT TIMETABLE ARE WE ON TO MEET FISCAL YEAR DEADLINES?PETERSON
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